

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

MICHEL COHEN, SOTHEBY'S  
FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.,  
and JOHN DOES 1-10,

Defendants in Interpleader.

No. 19 Civ. 9291 (JSR)

**DECLARATION OF STEPHEN CHA-KIM**

Stephen Cha-Kim declares as follows pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746:

1. I am an Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of New York and I am the counsel of record in this matter on behalf of Plaintiff the United States of America. I make this declaration on the basis of personal knowledge to place certain information before the Court in support of Plaintiff's motion for alternate service on Defendant-in-Interpleader Michel Cohen.

2. On or about September 23, 2019, the British Broadcasting Corporation aired "The \$50 Million Art Swindle," a feature-length documentary about the efforts of director Vanessa Engle's efforts to locate Defendant-in-Interpleader Michel Cohen ("Cohen"), whose last known, confirmed whereabouts were in Brazil over a decade ago.

3. The film features interviews with Cohen and, as reported in the press, indicates that Cohen, who was born in France and is a French citizen, is and has been living for a number of years in hiding in rural France with his wife and three children.

4. Cohen's current location and address remain unknown to the United States.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: January 17, 2020  
New York, New York

/s/ Stephen Cha-Kim  
Stephen Cha-Kim  
Assistant United States Attorney